

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 913

By McDonald

A RESOLUTION to congratulate Corey Brewer of Portland High School on earning the opportunity to play in the in the McDonald's All-American Basketball Game.

WHEREAS, from time to time, this General Assembly will pause to commend those athletes whose prowess upon the fields of play is deserving of recognition; and

WHEREAS, Corey Brewer of Portland High School is one such athlete, a young man whose dedication to and ability in the sport of basketball is surpassed by few and has led him and his team to the greatest heights of success on the court; and

WHEREAS, recently Mr. Brewer was selected to play in the twenty-seventh annual McDonald's All-American Game which is widely known as a highly prestigious showcase of the Nation's top basketball talent; and

WHEREAS, on March 31, 2004, Mr. Brewer will become the first player from Tennessee since 2001 to join with the ranks of the Nation's most gifted athletes who have participated in the All-American Game, and he will be only the third player ever from a Midstate school to receive such an accolade; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Brewer is extremely honored by his selection and stated that, "It's pretty much a launching pad to the NBA."; approximately seventy percent of the All-American Game Alumni have gone on to play in the NBA; and

WHEREAS, averaging thirty points and thirteen rebounds per game this year, Mr. Brewer has gained laudable praise from the media and fans alike especially having eclipsed the forty point plateau four times and totaling seventy-two steals and forty blocked shots to date; and

WHEREAS, establishing himself as a respected team member of the Portland Panthers, Mr. Brewer has been very instrumental in the team's successful season and he, along with his teammates, hopes to continue that success by reaching the State Tournament; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Brewer will ascend to the next level of competition with the University of Florida where he has signed a letter of intent to play basketball for the University; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Brewer's talent and accomplishments bode well for his success both in college basketball and in life; and

WHEREAS, a testimony to the benefits of determination, practice, and hard work, Corey Brewer's accomplishments as a scholar and an athlete are indicative of the spirit of the fine students of this State and, as such, are worthy of the praise of this body; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we join with the family and friends of Corey Brewer in congratulating him on his opportunity to play in the McDonald's All-American Basketball Game and extend to him our wishes for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.